

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN RECOGNITION OF INTERNATIONAL DAY OF RADIOLOGY

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 28, 2013

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the International Day of Radiology, and draw attention to the vital role that diagnostic imaging and radiation therapy serve in the American health care system. The International Day of Radiology is observed annually on November 8—an important date in medical and world history. On that day in 1895, Professor Wilhelm Conrad Roentgen discovered X-rays, which ultimately led to modern medical imaging and radiation therapy. This year, the 118th anniversary of Roentgen's discovery, will focus on lung imaging, and be commemorated by many groups, including the American College of Radiology (ACR), the Radiological Society of North America and the European Society of Radiology.

Radiologists (physicians with special training in imaging), radiation oncologists (physicians trained to treat cancer with radiation) and the imaging community continue to move medicine forward. Most recently, lung computed tomography (CT) scans were shown by clinical trials to significantly reduce lung cancer deaths among smokers. In response to the positive results generated from these trials, the ACR will issue CT lung cancer screening guidelines and standards. Nationwide, CT screening programs for lung cancer, including teams of health care providers from various medical specialties, will follow. These multidisciplinary screening programs will save tens of thousands of lives each year from the nation's leading cancer killer.

Medical imaging has been shown to help lower many cancer and hospital mortality rates. A 2009 National Bureau of Economic Research (BEA) report found that individuals with greater access to imaging live longer than those with lesser access. Imaging exams also reduce the number of invasive surgeries, unnecessary hospital admissions and lengths of hospital stays, which can lower health care costs.

The U.S. National Academy of Engineering recognized the tremendous contribution of medical imaging when it ranked imaging among the 20 greatest engineering achievements of the 20th century. Most telling, the New England Journal of Medicine named medical imaging one of the top 10 medical advances of the last 1,000 years.

With its incredible impact on patients' health, and significant benefit to the American health care system, I am pleased to recognize the importance of diagnostic imaging and radiation oncology, and call attention to November 8 as the International Day of Radiology.

HONORING THE WORK OF MY LIFE SPEAKS

HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 28, 2013

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. Speaker, a great society is often given their place in history based on how they serve the least among them. A great people are often judged from how well they serve the least of all. I rise today to honor the work of My Life Speaks as they work to bring aid to orphans in Haiti.

Cited as one of the poorest countries in the world, Haiti has almost 500,000 orphans. With high illiteracy and unemployment rates, the Haitian society struggles with poverty, and the high orphan rate it accompanies. Often forgotten, children with special needs are orphaned and overlooked completely. My Life Speaks works to provide the best quality of life possible to orphans, those with and without special needs, by providing safe housing, quality education, and accessible medical care.

I ask my colleagues to join with me in celebrating the good work of all who follow the call of the Almighty to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and care for the orphan. May our vocations be a light of the old prayer, "at the end of our lives, may we all be found in the service of others."

IN RECOGNITION OF THE KOREAN AMERICAN FILM FESTIVAL NEW YORK

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 28, 2013

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, during the Korean War, almost two million American soldiers, including myself, fought to defend freedom and democracy for a country and people they did not know. Despite the tragic losses and extreme hardships endured by the Korean people and those who fought in their defense, little is known about the war and its aftermath. I proudly recognize the Korean American Film Festival New York (KAFFNY) and its efforts to educate and inform the New York community about the so-called "Forgotten War" through presenting new opportunities for intercommunity outreach.

Through their organization, the KAFFNY has brought attention to the Korean Diaspora and Korean-American experience, recognizing and supporting new filmmakers and artists in the community. This year, the KAFFNY explores how the reverberations of the Korean War are still felt to this day and how they are explored in the area of film. Their festival taking place from October 24–26, 2013, commemorates the 60th anniversary of the Korean War Armistice. It premieres some of the richest and most diverse selection of films on the Korean War,

such as the world premiering of "Fading Away" by Christopher H.K. Lee, a seven-part documentary based on the account of a 13-year-old Korean orphan who fled North Korea to the South.

Putting their own personal time and resources into promoting films which help connect us to other communities-at-large, domestically and globally, the KAFFNY continues to play a vital role in the Great City of New York, as it works to spread the story of the Korean War, which I and my comrades believe should be referred as the 'Forgotten Victory.'

Since returning home from my service in the Korean War over six decades ago, I have witnessed the Korean American community flourish in New York City and across the United States and am very proud of all their contributions to the American fabric.

IN RECOGNITION OF DR. EVERETTE J. FREEMAN

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 28, 2013

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an outstanding leader, Dr. Everette J. Freeman, the Eighth President of Albany State University, who will be leaving the school after eight successful and productive years as President. He was honored at a farewell reception on Thursday, October 24, 2013, at Orene Hall on the ASU campus.

Dr. Freeman is a Washington, D.C. native and alumnus of Antioch College with a bachelor of arts degree in sociology and economics. He also earned a master's in labor and industrial relations from the University of Illinois, and a doctorate in education from Rutgers University. He holds a certificate from the Institute for Educational Leadership at Harvard University, as well as a Certificate in Economics from Fircroft College in Birmingham, England.

Prior to his tenure at Albany State, Dr. Freeman made his mark on several institutes of higher learning, serving as senior vice president and provost of the University of Indianapolis, dean of continuing education at Jackson State University, and executive assistant to the president at Tennessee State University. He also acted as interim vice president for university relations and development at Tennessee State.

The Second Congressional District of Georgia gained a valuable and respected leader when Dr. Freeman came to Albany. He has transformed Albany State University, both fiscally and academically. Despite State budget cuts, he initiated new online programs and joint enrollment policies, led the fiscal affairs division from the worst audit ratings to the best, and facilitated the transition of students from technical colleges into the University. Moreover, Dr. Freeman has demonstrated a continued dedication to improving the academic community at ASU. Under his strategic

• This "bullet" symbol identifies statements or insertions which are not spoken by a Member of the Senate on the floor.

Matter set in this typeface indicates words inserted or appended, rather than spoken, by a Member of the House on the floor.

leadership, the University saw simultaneous annual enrollment increases and higher SAT scores of entering classes.

In addition, Dr. Freeman oversaw \$20 million in capital improvements to the Albany State campus, including a state-of-the-art student center, a learning center, and six residence halls. The positive impact of the construction reverberated throughout the student community, as well as in the surrounding city. The relationship between ASU and the Greater Albany area has been significantly strengthened, as the University's economic impact on the city reached \$156 million during Dr. Freeman's time as president. Dr. Freeman also worked to establish partnerships with several local businesses, further improving the town and gown relationship between Albany and ASU.

On a personal note, I am proud to call Dr. Freeman a friend and I am so grateful for all he has done for Albany State University and the Albany community. His heartfelt dedication to this school will be felt and remembered for years to come.

Nelson Henderson once said, "The true meaning of life is to plant trees under whose shade you do not expect to sit." Dr. Freeman has not only planted trees of knowledge whose fruit ASU students and alumni can yield, but he has also planted the seeds of success for future generations of Albany State University Golden Rams.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to Dr. Everett J. Freeman for his eight outstanding years as President of Albany State University. His energizing leadership and his commitment to academic excellence has helped to make lasting improvements to Albany State University so to better provide current and future students with the tools they need to lead successful and productive lives.

WILEY COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EX- HIBITION DEBATE

HON. LOUIE GOHMERT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 28, 2013

Mr. GOHMERT. Mr. Speaker, today, we recognize and celebrate the Wiley College and University of Southern California debate teams on their Exhibition Debate. On October 25, 2013 the Wiley College and USC debate teams will reenact their historic debate of 1935.

The 1935 debate was depicted in the 2007 movie, "The Great Debaters," which Denzel Washington starred in and directed. "The Great Debaters" tells the story of Wiley's defeat of USC, the then reigning national forensics champion, under the direction of Professor Melvin B. Tolson. Following the release of the movie, Denzel Washington donated \$1 million to Wiley College to revive the debate team.

October 25th will not be the first meeting of the teams in recent years. In 2012, USC traveled to Wiley College in Texas' 1st Congressional District for an exhibition match with the great debaters at the Julius S. Scott Sr. Chapel. At the conclusion of the evening, both teams were declared victors and they com-

mitted to another match at USC. The Wiley College team also known as the Melvin B. Tolson/Denzel Washington Forensics Society, will be represented by Sophomore Lyle Keinman and Junior Nathan Leal along with team director, Christopher Medina.

Now ranked fourth in the nation, Wiley's debate team completed its 2012–2013 season of competition having amassed 82 national awards, 368 season-long awards, 16 championship trophies, and the first team title by a historically black college. The debate team is affiliated with Pi Kappa Delta, the National Forensics Association, and the American Forensics Association.

We commend both Wiley College and USC in their efforts on enhancing students' critical thinking skills through the medium of debate. We wish the best for both teams and look forward to have such a historical event re-enacted in the California 37th Congressional District.

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. BRAD WILLIAMS

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 28, 2013

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Brad Williams who will be installed as the 2014 Chairman of the Board for the National Apartment Association on November 8, 2013.

As a native of Dallas, Texas, Mr. Williams is a graduate of the University of Texas with a degree in History, holds a Certificate of Real Estate from Southern Methodist University, and has received the Certified Property Manager designation from the Institute of Real Estate Management. He has over 40 years of experience in property management with Lincoln Property Company and is responsible for management of over 50,000 rental units throughout Texas and the Midwest.

Mr. Williams is the past President of the Apartment Association of Greater Dallas and the Texas Apartment Association. In addition, he has served as the Chairman of the National Apartment Association's Political Action Committee for the last three years and currently serves on the Executive Committee for the National Apartment Association. As Chairman of the Board, Mr. Williams will lead the National Apartment Association towards continued success as America's leading advocate for quality rental housing, serving the interests of rental housing owners, managers, developers and suppliers, and promoting a high level of professionalism in the rental housing industry to better serve the housing needs of the public.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my esteemed colleagues to join me in expressing our heartiest congratulations and best wishes to Mr. Brad Williams as he guides the National Apartment Association this upcoming year as Chairman of the Board.

VETERAN HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE JOSEPH K. VRABEL

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 28, 2013

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Joseph Vrabel. Joe served in the United States Army during the Korean War. Upon his return, he served his fellow veterans by joining the Veterans of Foreign Wars in 1956, and soon thereafter, becoming Post Commander. His service continued as a Life Member of the American Legion Mahoning Valley Post 15, where he served five years as Post Commander, going on to serve as Mahoning County Commander of the Dynamic Ninth District; and then proceeding on to serve as the American Legion Department of Ohio Commander. Joe was an enthusiastic supporter of the American Legion's Buckeye Boys State, promoting the program whenever he could and securing local sponsorships which would allow the youth of this area to gain first-hand experience in state government. Joe was a significant supporter of the Gifts for the Yanks program which provided gifts for hospitalized veterans during the Christmas season. Joe was instrumental in obtaining a van to transport veterans from Youngstown to the Cleveland American Legion, where he served as Post 15 Sons of the American Legion Advisor for 15 years. In addition, he spent countless hours as a member of Mahoning Valley Post 15's Honor Guard and Color Guard, providing final military honors to his fellow veterans. Joe was locally known as the "Veteran's Veteran", for his dedicated work with veterans. As the owner of Hillcrest Tavern, Joe was able to support local youth sports teams, mainly golf, bowling, and softball in his hometown of Poland, Ohio. For his significant contributions to the veterans and youth of the Mahoning Valley, Joe is very worthy to be inducted, posthumously, into the 2013 Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame.

HONORING SUNCOAST HIGH SCHOOL IN RIVIERA BEACH, FLORIDA ON CELEBRATING 25 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE IN PRO- VIDING SECONDARY EDUCATION

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 28, 2013

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Suncoast High School in Riviera Beach, Florida on the occasion of its 25th anniversary as an institution of secondary education in Palm Beach County.

This remarkable school is perennially ranked as a top high school in America, as it offers a wealth of coursework in Math, Science and Engineering, Computer Science, International Baccalaureate studies, as well as Interactive Technology magnet programs. Children from across Palm Beach County seek admission to Suncoast for its acknowledged excellence in comprehensively educating students. The school has also become renowned in the community for the diligent attention that the faculty and staff offer to their students.

These students leave prepared for whatever career aspirations they may have. And for those that do choose to pursue an undergraduate degree, Suncoast students do not simply matriculate. They are challenged to succeed in college, and many have gone on to have successful careers in an array of fields. Currently led by Principal Dr. Linda Cartledge and a very talented faculty and staff, Suncoast has earned the respect of professional educators from across the country.

I am always delighted and impressed when I hear about the latest awards and honors accrued by Suncoast High School. Twenty-five years of high-standard education is something we should all admire. Suncoast is representative of the best America has to offer its young people, and its reputation is one to which all schools aspire.

Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct pleasure to recognize Suncoast High School for their invaluable commitment to preparing the young minds of Palm Beach County, and their leadership as a positive example for success in secondary education. I congratulate them again and wish them many more years as one of America's top high schools.

HONORING HANNAH KRANZBERG

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 28, 2013

Ms. LEE of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Hannah Kranzberg, who today is receiving the Guardian of Democracy award from the New Israel Fund for her long-time service to the global community promoting peace, justice, and social and economic equality.

Before moving to the San Francisco Bay Area from her native New York in the 1970's, Hannah taught in an all-day neighborhood school program in Brooklyn as part of a broader effort to provide enrichment programs to children who lived in disadvantaged communities.

Then, as an activist in the San Francisco Bay Area, Hannah continued her interest in making and supporting social documentaries that brought important issues to the attention of the public. As an artist, she was also one of three principal individuals who painted the People's Park mural in Berkeley in 1976, which is now a local landmark with major historic and cultural significance.

In the last 40 years, Hannah's significant philanthropic work has left a lasting impact on our society. She has supported organizations that advocate everything from human rights and civil rights, economic and social justice, and conflict transformation in a local, national and global context. I am proud to call her my confidant, my supporter, but most importantly, my friend.

As part of her long term efforts to advance women's equality locally and throughout the world, Hannah was a supporter of the San Francisco Women's Building, the first woman-owned and operated community center in the country, which advocates self-determination, gender equality and social justice. She has also supported the Global Fund for Women, a non-profit that provides grants to women-led organizations worldwide to enable women and

girls to reach their potential, and to live free of discrimination and violence. In addition, she has been a founding contributor to the Urgent Action Fund for women's human rights, which provides rapid response grants to women human rights defenders throughout the world.

The spectrum of Hannah's philanthropic work is wide-reaching. She contributed to the founding of La Peña Cultural Center in Berkeley, California. She is also an ongoing advocate of the Martin Luther King Jr. Freedom Center in Oakland, California, which offers nonviolence classes and civic engagement for youth from diverse racial and cultural communities. She has been a supporter of the Funding Exchange, the Berkeley Community Fund, the Women's Initiative for Self-Employment, the Rosenberg Fund for Children, the American Jewish World Service, Jewish Family & Children's Services of the East Bay, Equal Rights Advocates, the ACLU, The Center for Constitutional Rights, MALDEF, NAACP Legal Defense Fund, the United Negro College Fund, the Freedom Archives, California Rural Legal Assistance, and the Southern Poverty Law Center, to name just a few.

Beyond that, Hannah is a coalition builder. She serves on the Regional Board of the New Israel Fund, and as a longtime supporter of the Peace Development Fund, she has sought to bring together communities as well as oppressed and marginalized groups of people to enhance opportunities for movement building.

Hannah continues to be a supporter of innovative community-based cultural institutions, including groundbreaking social documentaries, among them, the Oscar nominated "Forever Activists: Stories from the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade," a documentary about seven American veterans of the Spanish Civil War, "The Barber of Birmingham," a documentary about James Armstrong, one of the unsung heroes of the U.S. civil rights movement, and "Discovering Dominga: A Survivor's Story," about the 1982 Guatemalan massacre of 200 villagers who opposed the construction of a dam sponsored by the World Bank.

Therefore, on behalf of California's 13th Congressional District, I salute you, Hannah Kranzberg. Your 40 years of committed activism for peace, justice, and equality, has made an indelible mark in our community, and you are truly worthy of being called a Guardian of Democracy.

IN RECOGNITION OF LEONARD R. SENDELSKY

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 28, 2013

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Leonard R. Sendelsky as he is honored by the New Jersey Builders Association with its first Lifetime Achievement Award.

Leonard Sendelsky has been a member of the New Jersey Builders Association (NJBA) Board of Directors since 1960. He has served as secretary, treasurer, second vice president, first vice president, and president. He has also served on various committees, including the Legislative Committee and Codes Committee and helped get the NJ State Uniform Construction Code Act signed by Governor

Brendan Byrne in 1975. In 1967 and 1989 he was chosen as NJBA Builder of the Year. He has also been honored with the Silver Hammer Award, Legend of Housing Award and the Golden Hammer Award.

In addition to his service on the NJBA, Mr. Sendelsky is also an active member of the Shore Builders Association of Central New Jersey. He has served on the Board of Directors since 1957, has held various leadership positions and has served as chairman on several committees. He received the Builder of the Year Award in both 1966 and 1989. Likewise, he was a member of the Board of Directors of the National Association of Home Builders from 1963 until 2011 and currently serves as the National Area Chairman Representative.

The son of a carpenter and homebuilder, Mr. Sendelsky founded Lenguy Construction Company in 1958 and today owns and operates many additional corporations. He was inducted into the New Jersey Builders Hall of Fame in 1974 and the National Housing Center Hall of Fame in 2004. Mr. Sendelsky is a member of the New Jersey State Uniform Construction Code Advisory Board, a member of the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs Committee on Uniform Sub-division Site Improvement Standards, Chairman of the Middlesex County Uniform Construction Board of Appeals and is also an active member of his community. He is a long-time resident of Colonia along with his wife of nearly 60 years, Judith Kuhn Sendelsky. They have two sons, Leonard Drew and Guy Sean.

Mr. Speaker, once again, please join me in honoring Leonard Sendelsky for his outstanding contributions to the building industry. He is truly deserving of the New Jersey Builders Association Lifetime Achievement Award and this body's recognition.

HONORING THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FINANCE AUTHORITY OF MAINE AND THE 2013 SHOWCASE MAINE AWARD RECIPIENTS

HON. MICHAEL H. MICHAUD

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 28, 2013

Mr. MICHAUD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Finance Authority of Maine as it celebrates 30 years of helping Maine citizens pursue business and higher education opportunities, as well as the recipients of its 2013 Showcase Maine Awards.

The Finance Authority of Maine, also known as FAME, was founded in 1983 as the state's business finance agency. By increasing access to capital, its innovative programs enable the start up and growth of the state's business community. Since 1990, FAME has also been responsible for administering Maine's higher education finance programs, helping Maine students and families meet the costs of higher education through a variety of loan, grant and scholarship programs. It also administers an outreach and counseling program that helps inspire and empower young people to pursue higher education.

Each year, the Finance Authority of Maine honors community members that have been exceptional partners in their efforts to aid the

Maine business community and Maine students at the Showcase Maine Awards. This year's award recipients include: the Hodgdon Group, recipient of the Business at Work for Maine Award; Jim Wellehan, recipient of the Education at Work for Maine Award; the Honorable Mary Nelson, recipient of the Dirigo Legislative Champion Award; and Camden National Bank, recipient of the Financial Institution of the Year Award.

These award-winners exemplify the hard-working and innovative spirit of Maine. Their dedication and leadership make Maine a better place to live and do business.

Mr. Speaker, please join me again in congratulating the Finance Authority of Maine and the 2013 Showcase Maine Award recipients on their outstanding service and achievement.

IN HONOR OF LCPL SEAN ADAMS

HON. DOUG COLLINS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 28, 2013

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor one of Georgia's most heroic sons, Combat Engineer LCpl Sean Adams of 1 CEB, 1/8 United States Marine Corps. LCpl Adams is from my District in Gainesville. In Helmond, Afghanistan, LCpl Adams or Big Country as he is called by his platoon, stepped on a 25-pound IED. It nearly killed him. He lay there in the field for sixty minutes before the air evac arrived. He lost both of his legs and sustained numerous other life threatening injuries. He has come back from the dead after 17 months at Walter Reed Hospital. His courage and his family's support have helped pull him from the abyss. He has a passion for football, baseball and his Georgia Bull Dogs. He possesses a need for speed; he loves stock cars and racing. He plans to start a business related to cars when he gets back home. I submit this poem penned in his honor by Albert Caswell.

A PEDAL TO THE METAL MARINE
(By Albert Caswell)

A . . .
A Pedal!
A Pedal To The Metal Marine!
Built for honor!
Built for speed!
Being a grunt,
is but his most heroic of all creeds!
As a Sapper all out on the hunt!
Oh what a combination,
a Bull Dog and a Devil Dog,
to so confront the enemy all at speed!
Clearing the way both night and day!
When every moment counts,
that full amount . . .
all for his Band of Brothers in need!
So serving his home of the brave,
and land of the free,
as one fine Georgian United States Marine!
All in search of the enemy!
From 0 to 60 Sean,
was built for speed!
As one who so locks and loads!
As one who so lives by a code!
A code of Strength In Honor,
all in those most magnificent shades of green!
For he's bad to the bone!
As he puts it to the floor!
While, all at speeds himself he'd so ignore!
Big Country was Georgia born,
and Georgia bred!

Whose colors would not so run even as his blood ran red!

As he loves his stock cars,
and his Bull Dogs!
And loves his country music,
as ever so courageously forth he so charged!
And maybe Toby Keith,
might write a song about him, that bard!
Who so heroically answered his Nation's call!
That Call to War!
But for The Greater Good,
as himself he so ignored!
To so wear those most heroic shades of green!

To become,
one of Nation's greatest of all things!
A United States Georgia Bull Dog Devil Dog Marine!

Oh rahhh!
A Bull Dog and a Devil Dog,
there's nothing more Dognatious so as seen!
All for God and Country Big Country,
you have so fought and bled!
And you have given up so much lying,
lying there so very close to death!
All in what your Strength In Honor has so said!

Let's look under the hood!
And see that engine that we call his heart,
which so gives Sean all of that power he so needs to start!

Start all over again!
From 0 to 60 like no one could!
Yea you're not getting close!
As he puts that pedal to the metal,
oh what a turbo boost!
So sapping all those in his path to recovery!
Making pain and heartache disappear at all speeds!

To get him to the finish line and victory!
With a force of nature,
that which so made the enemy grieve!
For he's a bad boy,
who on a battlefield of honor so lived his creed!

Turbo charged putting it into high gear,
as into those turns as he'd gain speed!
Marching forth so all without fear,
but to so pursue the enemy!
And he so loves his Atlanta Braves,
and would love to throw out the first ball one day!

Or hang out with Falcons,
because both of them are but birds of prey!
And for those Georgia Bull Dogs,
as its for them he now so bleeds!
Making this Dog's heart bark, continually!
Rouuuuughhhh Roughhhh,
watch out in The SEC there's hell to pay!
As it was out on his tour!
As an IED went off and death was almost so assured!

With his two strong legs so lost,
and so many injuries more!
For 60 minutes he lay there without help before!

Before helo picked him up!
As Big Country had a choice,
to so listen to that inner voice!
And put it into gear,
and put it to the floor!
And make it to the finish line for a pit stop,
so he could but live one day more!
Or leave this world for sure!
As one day somehow,
Sean would walk out of that hospital door!
Just like Chip Foose,
he had some OVERHAULING TO DO FOR SURE!

As they took this Hero into the shop,
to a place called Walter Reed which above them all stands high atop,
where the Nurses and Doctors are the cream of the crop!

Where these Heroines and Heroes,
so know how to death to stop!
And how to rebuild and remodel and restore,

and OVERHAUL America's finest of all Heroes so for sure!

And when he came out,
Big Country's work had just begun!
Because,
his engine was running a little rough my son!
And with each new day such pain begun!
But Bull Dog's and Devil Dog's don't know how to run!

And no matter how matter laps he had to take,

he was but in a DOGNATIOUS STATE!
And you could still hear his engine roar!
As he put that pedal to the metal,
in first place to come so for sure!
Crossing that finish line,
because of all what he had endured!
To rebuild and to restore!
Holding that winners cup high above his head!

All in what his faith and courage,
in The Game of Life his had so said!
As straight to victory lap his heart so sped!
And all of you stock car boys and gals,
you most famous drivers all of this world so now!

You gotta give this good old boy some major cred!

Because from 0 to 60,
from the beginning,
all of the way to the very end his heart has led!

And I don't think you want to go up against this Big Country,
this Georgia Bull Dog on the race track of life head to head!

Cause it's going to get pretty bumpy,
if you catch his draft!
Because, until you've been through,
what he's been through . . .
nothing stops you in your path!
Because, in The Game of Life . . .
all at such high speeds Sean gave all that he would so need!

Was asked!
And when all out in front of him in that fast lane,
pity and sorrow was strewn all across his path!

He took it up high,
and put it into gear . . .
and blew past all of that sorrow and loss he so sped!

Leaving them all in his dust,
as he put that pedal to the medal . . .
and with a tears in his eyes he put it into turbo thrust!

As to all of that heartache and sorrow,
said goodbye!
Because, he's got a life to lead!
And because its all in his DNA,
all in Big Country's need for speed!
As now he's in his victory lap called recovery!

While, down in Georgia they all scream and shout . . .

Big Country's coming home so soon no doubt!
And On The Road of Life,
look for him way up out ahead!
For there's so much we can all so learn from him,

all in what his short life has said!
In life we all must make those final choices!
When up ahead there lies such forces . . .
Do we so listen to our most inner voices?
Will we down shift and lose our path?
Or we take it up high,
and leave heartache and sorrow so far behind as her we so pass?

And put that pedal to the medal,
making those Angels up in heaven so smile and laugh!

Sean the results are in,
the checked flag is now waving you home . . .

waving you in!
As the next part of your new great life,
is all so ready to so begin!

Go ahead!
 START YOUR ENGINES!
 And put that pedal to the metal,
 you most Dogmatic of all ones!
 I low bout them Dogs!
 ROOOOGHHH ROOOOGHH!
 For you are one of Georgia's Most Heroic
 Sons!

VETERAN HALL OF FAME
 INDUCTEE ROGER H. GARDNER

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 28, 2013

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the distinguished military service of Roger Gardner as he is inducted into the 2013 Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame. Roger has been a member of the American Legion Post 540 Honor Guard in Cortland since 1957, and served as Commander and Captain since 2000. Under his leadership, the Honor Guard has participated in 2,281 funerals. He is actively involved in local Memorial Day and Veterans Day activities each year. As a Post Commander, he was instrumental in the construction of several veterans' memorials in the area, most notably the Korean War Monument in Trumbull County Veterans Park. Roger has logged over 8,000 volunteer hours between the Warren Community Base Outpatient Clinic and the Youngstown VA Clinic. He is an active speaker in the "Tell America" program in local schools, where he shares his military experiences and encourages patriotism among young people. He has been the recipient of numerous awards and honors, some of which include the Mahoning County United Veterans Council Veteran of the Year; the Tri-County Funeral Directors Association Award for Community Service for his diligent work as Captain of American Legion's Post 540 Honor Guard; and the Warren Tribune-Chronicle Community Star Award for his significant contributions to the Warren area. Roger is deeply committed to serving the veterans of Trumbull County and is very worthy of being inducted into the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame.

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS
 OF ORLANDO DAY NURSERY

HON. ALAN GRAYSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 28, 2013

Mr. GRAYSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the incredible contributions of the Orlando Day Nursery.

Founded in 1921 as an all-volunteer organization, Orlando Day Nursery Association, Inc. (ODN) has provided early childhood care and education services to working-poor families living in Central Florida for 91 years. The Nursery has been recognized as the oldest childcare in the South Eastern U.S. by Childcare Exchange. President George H.W. Bush recognized ODN as the 909th Daily Point of Light Award and America's Promise Alliance honored ODN with the Keeping the Promise Award.

ODN makes a concerted effort at laying a positive foundation for low income pre-

schoolers in order to ward off the negative self-concept and academic problems these children often face. ODN's HighScope curriculum is backed by over forty years of studies proving its effectiveness in preparing at-risk children for school and life. Monthly parenting classes and family activities organized by ODN help Central Florida parents improve their parenting skills and become better equipped to fulfill their role as their child's first teacher.

In order to better care for children outside of the classroom, ODN started an afterschool program in 2011 and a tutoring program in January of 2012. ODN has also initiated an Early Head Start classroom and began offering a transitional kindergarten program for children who are five-years-old but not ready for the public school structure.

ODN partners with many local organizations to meet the needs of its students and their families. The University of Central Florida (UCF) sends nursing students to help track obesity rates at ODN. UCF's Audiology and Speech students also screen all of the children at ODN and provide services to children with speech and language delays. The Winter Park Day Nursery partners with ODN for staff training and curriculum development.

ODN works hard to keep fees low so that no child is left without quality care and early education. ODN provides childcare services for the Salvation Army's homeless shelter, Harbor House, and the Coalition for the Homeless.

The Board of Directors of ODN is a committed group of outstanding citizens that work to achieve ODN's mission: to develop the whole child by providing high-quality, affordable care and early childhood education services in the Orlando area. ODN supports the whole family, as they are the foundation from which our children develop.

I am proud to honor the Orlando Day Nursery for all of its outstanding accomplishments and its contributions to the Central Florida community.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF
 DR. JONATHAN D. JANSEN

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 28, 2013

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the distinguished public service of Jonathan D. Jansen as he receives this year's Alice and Clifford Spendlove Prize in Social Justice, Diplomacy and Tolerance presented by the University of California, Merced (UC Merced). Dr. Jansen is the Vice Chancellor and Rector of the University of the Free State and South Africa's first black dean.

Dr. Jansen was born on September 29, 1956 in the town of Montagu in the Western Cape province of South Africa. It was here in the Cape Flats where he had to face chaos and was stripped of his family, land, and property. Even in the face of adversity, Dr. Jansen believed that he could achieve great things.

Higher education was of utmost importance to Dr. Jansen. He attended the University of the Western Cape where he received his Bachelors of Science degree in Botany and Zoology, and then completed his qualifications

for teaching through the University of South Africa. Later, he went on to receive his Bachelors of Education from the University of South Africa and his Masters of Science from Cornell University. As if that were not enough, he even received his PhD from the Stanford University School of Education.

Dr. Jansen's passion for upholding strong race relations shined in all of his work. His books offer a detailed account on the social and political change in post-apartheid South Africa and addressed how education served a role in confronting the hardships of the past. His effective role goes well beyond the written word: Dr. Jansen also serves as President of the South African Institute of Race Relations. He is well known for his work to advance education in South Africa and his Nelson Mandela-like attitude of "reconciliation over revenge."

UC Merced established the Alice and Clifford Spendlove Prize in Social Justice, Diplomacy and Tolerance to honor a scholar, author, artist, or citizen who dedicates his or her work to the delivery of social justice, diplomacy, and tolerance in local and global society. Dr. Jansen is deserving of this recognition as he is someone who truly wants to make this world a better place.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Dr. Jonathan D. Jansen for his contributions to society and to congratulate him on receiving this most prestigious award.

TRIBUTE TO THOMAS S. FOLEY,
 57TH SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 28, 2013

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to former House Speaker Thomas "Tom" S. Foley, the 57th Speaker of the House of Representatives and a man whose love for this chamber and whose commitment to public service was unsurpassed. Speaker Foley died Friday, October 18, at his home in Washington, D.C. He was 84 years old.

Tom Foley was in every sense of the word a gentleman. He believed in bipartisanship. He treated everyone equally and with respect. Upon relinquishing the Speakership, he left these parting words of advice to his successor, incoming Speaker Newt Gingrich: "Remember, you are the Speaker of the whole House and not just one party."

The environment of the House of Representatives under the leadership of Speaker Foley was marked by mutual respect and cooperation, which enabled the Congress to work with the President and pass legislation that made our country better.

During Tom Foley's speakership, the Congress passed, and the President signed into law the Family and Medical Leave Act; the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1991; the North America Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA); the General Agreement on Trade and Tariffs (GATT); the 1994 Crime Bill which put 100,000 new police officers on the streets and banned assault weapons and reduced crime rates by more than a third; and the 1993 Clinton Economic Plan that led to the creation of 22 million jobs, four balanced budgets, and the longest period of sustained economic prosperity in the post-war period.

Thomas Stephen Foley was born March 6, 1929, in Spokane, Washington. He attended a Jesuit preparatory school, where he acquired the nickname "the senator" for his intellect and the way he solved problems. He is reported to have overcome a lisp to excel in debate and to earn his baccalaureate degree from the University of Washington in 1951. Six years later, Tom Foley was admitted to the bar after graduating from the University of Washington School of Law. He practiced law in Spokane prior to becoming a prosecutor and later an assistant state attorney general.

In 1960, he joined the staff of his mentor, the legendary Senator Henry "Scoop" Jackson (D-WA), and moved to Washington, D.C., where he met his future partner in life, his beloved Heather, whom he married in 1968, and who remained by his side for the next 45 years and was with him when he died.

Mr. Speaker, in 1964 Tom Foley defeated an 11-term incumbent and was elected by the people of the 5th Congressional District of Washington to represent them in the House of Representatives. He was reelected to the next succeeding 14 Congresses.

Over those 30 years, Tom Foley compiled a truly impressive record. He sought and obtained a seat on the Agriculture Committee to advocate on behalf of his constituents in the wheat-growing region of eastern Washington.

Tom Foley was an accomplished legislator. One of his major achievements as a member of the Agriculture Committee was the grand bargain he crafted which led to the enduring partnership between conservative farmers and progressive supporters of nutrition programs.

Mr. Speaker, Tom Foley was an unwavering advocate for progressive policies and a formidable opponent of policies he believed were harmful to the interests of the poor, workers, or women. He supported President Johnson's Great Society Programs and voted for the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Voting Rights Act of 1965, and the Fair Housing Act of 1968. He also supported a strong national defense and sensible foreign policy, which is why he opposed the escalation of the Vietnam War.

After the watershed election of 1974, he was elected by his colleagues to chair the Agriculture Committee, a position he held until 1981, when he was appointed Majority Whip by then Speaker Thomas P. "Tip" O'Neill. When Speaker O'Neill was succeeded by Majority Leader Jim Wright (D-TX), Tom Foley was elevated to the post of Majority Leader and served in that post until June 6, 1989 when he was elected Speaker of the House upon the resignation of Speaker Wright.

Tom Foley was Speaker of the House in 1991 when President George H.W. Bush launched Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm, the first Persian Gulf War. Thanks in large part to the spirit of bipartisanship that Tom Foley embodied, the nation remained unified throughout the Persian Gulf War.

Following Speaker Foley's service in the House of Representatives he served with distinction as U.S. ambassador to Japan during the second Clinton Administration. In recognition of his exceptional service to our country, in 2001 the federal courthouse in Spokane, Washington was renamed the Thomas S. Foley United States Courthouse.

Today, one of the things cited most as being what is wrong with Congress is the environment of hyper partisanship which is threatening the ability of the House to fulfill its function.

It is my hope that we all remember and learn from the example of Speaker Foley that civility is a virtue, that compromise is not weakness, and that it is possible for persons of goodwill to disagree without being disagreeable.

Thank you, Speaker Thomas S. Foley, for your service to our nation. You made the People's House a better place by promoting mutual respect and cooperation.

IN HONOR OF HENRY TEICHERT

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 28, 2013

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, it is with great sadness that I rise in honor of Henry Teichert, who recently passed away in Sacramento at the age of 96. As his family, friends, and the entire Sacramento community gather to celebrate his life and legacy, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Mr. Teichert.

Henry Teichert was born on September 6, 1917 in Sacramento to Augusta and Adolph Teichert Jr. He was married to Wendy Downey for 56 years until her passing in 2003. Together they had five children, Frederick, Jonathan, Isaiah, Rose and Wendy-Marie, 17 grandchildren and 20 great grandchildren. Mr. Teichert graduated from the University of California, Berkeley in 1939, where he earned a degree in English and proudly served our country as an intelligence officer in the United States Army Air Corps during World War II. After the war he earned his law degree from Boalt Hall Law School and returned to his hometown of Sacramento where with several other attorneys, formed one of the first group law practices in the region, which later became McDonough Holland & Allen.

Mr. Teichert's law career ended when he took over the family construction business, A. Teichert and Son, when his father passed away in 1953. A. Teichert and Son, now Teichert, Inc., has been serving the Sacramento region for over one hundred and twenty-five years and holds the oldest active contractor's license in the state, No. 8. Mr. Teichert served as the corporation's president and chairman of the board for thirty-five years. He had the business acumen to turn Teichert from a company to a corporation which includes Teichert Construction, Teichert Materials, StoneBridge Properties, and the Teichert Foundation. Together, these companies are leaders in the fields of construction, aggregate production, and real estate development, while also being one of the most charitable organizations in Sacramento.

Beyond being a stellar businessman and committed father, Mr. Teichert was a civic minded individual. He belonged to many social organizations, including the Sacramento Rotary Club for over fifty years, the Sutter Club and he was an active member of Sacramento's Trinity Cathedral. He was a founding board member of the Sacramento Region Community Foundation. In 1968, Mr. Teichert helped establish the Sacramento Chapter of the National Urban League with the goal of improving job and education opportunities for Sacramento's African American community.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me today in paying honor to Henry Teichert

for being an exemplary member of the Sacramento Community. I ask that we all take a moment and give our utmost respect and condolences to his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. His life and commitment to Sacramento are an inspiration to us all.

VETERAN HALL OF FAME
INDUCTEE ALEXANDER P. KISH

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 28, 2013

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the exemplary military service of Alex Kish as he is inducted into the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame. After serving in the U.S. Army during the Korean War, Alex returned to his home in Newton Falls, Ohio, and served as Commander of the AMVETS Post 112 and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3332. Since then, he has devoted his life in efforts to honor both the living and deceased veterans. Alex is dedicated to recognizing the contributions of veterans and caring for those less fortunate. He has organized an Honor Guard serving multiple veterans organizations in an effort to provide full military honors during burials at the National Cemetery in Rittman, Ohio. Alex was instrumental in raising funds that provided more than 400 phone cards for veterans and active duty soldiers. He arranged for transportation, hotel accommodations, and admission tickets for World War II veterans to attend the dedication of the World War II Memorial and to tour Washington, D.C. Alex organized a fundraiser that provided a summer camp experience for underprivileged children of Trumbull County. He has served as Vice President of an organization that provides transportation to medical appointments and shopping for senior citizens. Alex is deeply committed to serving the veterans of Trumbull County, Ohio and is very worthy of being inducted into the 2013 Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame.

RECOGNIZING ERIE CANAL HARBOR DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION AS 2013 BUSINESS OF THE YEAR

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 28, 2013

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the Erie Canal Harbor Development Corporation (ECHDC) on its many accomplishments including being recognized by the Amherst Chamber of Commerce at its 2013 Business of the Year Awards Ceremony. The Erie Canal Harbor Development Corporation is being honored with the Stewardship Award at the Chamber's event on October 28, 2013.

In 2005, as part of the NYPA settlement agreement, we called for a dedicated revenue stream to fund waterfront development in the city of Buffalo. But perhaps more importantly, we called for a locally controlled, waterfront development corporation, whose express purpose was to enhance public access to Buffalo's Inner and Outer Harbor waterfront areas. The Corporation's primary objective

would be the design and construction management of physical improvements to the Buffalo waterfront areas to create private and public sector recreational and commercial development along the Lake Erie shoreline.

Fortunately, we won that settlement and in 2007 the Erie Canal Harbor Development Corporation was created. Since that time, ECHDC has taken an aggressive approach to waterfront development and is credited with remarkable projects along Buffalo's Inner and Outer Harbors that are reinvigorating our city and residents and visitors alike.

ECHDC is responsible for the work on the Erie Canal Redevelopment Project, which revitalized 12.5 acres of idle waterfront space into a highly trafficked downtown destination now known as Canalside. This site incorporates historic elements of the original Erie Canal and celebrates Buffalo's role as the western end of the canal.

The Corporation has successfully managed development of 23 acres at the Inner Harbor for public, commercial and mixed uses. ECHDC oversaw demolition of the Buffalo Memorial Auditorium, ongoing construction of historically aligned canals to be used as unique water features and public ice skating destinations, and improvements to the public landscape including a vibrant central wharf at Canalside that accommodates large concerts, public markets, and hundreds of other popular events throughout the year.

As a result of the groundwork laid by ECHDC, work is now underway on HARBORcenter, an over \$170 million private sector investment on the Webster block that builds off of the success of Canalside.

Thanks to the hard work of the ECHDC, we now have increased business and recreational activity on the Inner and Outer Harbors including 1,000 feet of boat dock installments at Canalside, two new restaurants, the development of Wilkeson Pointe, a 20 acre parcel of parkland on the Outer Harbor among many other public access improvements and amenities. Given ECHDC's record of accomplishment in the waterfront development business, the Corporation was recently entrusted with devising a plan for the future use of approximately 130 acres of Outer Harbor lands.

Mr. Speaker, the Erie Canal Harbor Development Corporation has worked tirelessly in their mission to revitalize the City of Buffalo's Inner and Outer Harbor areas and restore economic growth to Western New York. The region has benefited from the leadership and innovative vision of the Corporation, its staff and Board of Directors. I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing the Erie Canal Harbor Development Corporation for their dedication to Western New York and congratulate them in receiving the Stewardship Award from the Amherst Chamber of Commerce.

HONORING THE 3RD ANNIVERSARY OF RICHMOND AREA HEALTH CENTER'S STAR PROGRAM

HON. MICHAEL H. MICHAUD

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 28, 2013

Mr. MICHAUD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Richmond Area Health Center

as it celebrates its third year of providing outstanding medical care through its "Star Program."

The Richmond Area Health Center is a Federally Qualified Healthcare Center site, providing primary care to 3,500 people in a medically underserved community. The Health Center has worked over the last several years to improve health outcomes and lowers costs by inspiring individuals to change their lifestyles. The Health Center's "Star Program" incorporates healthy lifestyle strategies and affirmations into every primary care visit to improve patients' health and well-being.

This no-cost program has helped approximately 900 patients collectively lose more than 11,000 pounds. By helping patients make lifestyle changes, the team at Richmond Area Healthcare Center has been able to reduce the number of medications it prescribes and diagnostic tests it orders. The Health Center's model of lowering costs and empowering patients is now serving as a model for several similar programs throughout the state of Maine.

On October 18, 2013, the Richmond Area Health Center celebrated three years of exceptional healthcare by hosting a reception with patients and members of the greater community. I am delighted to recognize the accomplishments of this dedicated team of healthcare workers and look forward to their continued success in the years to come.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating the Richmond Area Health Center on three years of exceptional patient care.

HONORING WILLIE HESELMAYER AND ELDA ZEPLIN

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 28, 2013

Mr. CARTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the lasting love and commitment of two great Texans.

On November 2, 1938 millions of Americans recalled the thrilling race the day before between thoroughbreds Seabiscuit and War Admiral. Others were still recovering from Orson Welles' legendary War of the Worlds radio broadcast from the previous weekend.

Willie Heselmeier and Elda Zeplin of Taylor, TX had bigger things on their minds. They were joining hands at the Prince of Peace Lutheran Church (founded by Elda's family in 1894) to become husband and wife.

75 years later, they still walk together hand in hand. Willie, with Elda constantly by his side, worked the land as a cotton, corn, and milo farmer. They brought two sons into the world and were united through feast and famine. Together they witnessed their nation's brave soldiers defend freedom on foreign shores, watched a humble midwesterner take mankind's first steps on another world, and marveled at technological advances beyond any of their dreams.

What began in 1938 continues strong into a new millennium. Willie and Elda still live independently in their home on their farm east of Taylor. They play dominoes with friends nearly every day. Family and faith remain at the center of their happy life together.

Willie and Elda will gather this November with friends and family at the Fellowship Hall

of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Taylor to celebrate 75 years of love and commitment. Marriages like the Heselmeiers are the foundations of one of our most cherished institutions and give us all an ideal to which we can aspire. They make both Texas and our nation strong. Erika and I, who will celebrate a half century of marriage in a few years, congratulate Willie and Elda on 75 years together and wish them the best in the years to come.

HONORING THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BLACK MEN OF LABOR

HON. CEDRIC L. RICHMOND

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 28, 2013

Mr. RICHMOND. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Black Men of Labor as they celebrate 20 years of service in preserving art and culture in the city of New Orleans.

The Black Men of Labor was established in 1993 by musicians Fred J. Johnson Jr., Benny Jones Sr., and Gregory Stafford. For the past twenty years, they have honored the contributions of African American men in the work place while promoting and preserving traditional jazz music.

Rooted in the historic neighborhood of Tremé, America's oldest African American community, these men celebrate their West African heritage with yearly parades throughout the streets of New Orleans.

I want to commend the Black Men of Labor for their commitment to preserving the living, breathing birthright of the city of New Orleans, jazz music. Through our triumphs and tragedies, it is our rich legacy in the arts that keeps us grounded as a community. Organizations like the Black Men of Labor are at the core of this commitment.

On Sunday, October 20th, the streets once again came alive to the sound of music as the Black Men of Labor celebrated their 20th anniversary. I want to join the New Orleans community in celebrating their contributions.

In 1987, the United States Congress designated jazz as a rare and valuable national treasure to which we should devote our attention, support, and resources to make sure it is preserved, understood and promulgated. Today, I echo that sentiment and applaud these men for their dedication to empowering their communities through music and the arts.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 28, 2013

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is \$17,087,891,889,205.15. We've added \$6,461,014,840,292.07 to our debt in 4 years. This is \$5 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

RECOGNIZING PEOPLE INC. AS RECIPIENT OF THE 2013 THE HEALTH AND HEALTH SERVICES AWARD

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 28, 2013

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize People Inc. in being awarded the 2013 Health and Health Services Award from the Amherst Chamber of Commerce.

People Inc. began in 1970 to ensure that people with disabilities or special needs have an available support so they can succeed.

The organization provides services to people of all ages, from children and adults with disabilities to senior citizens. These services include residential, employment/vocational, community outreach, health care and recreation programs. Their comprehensive services are well-known throughout Western New York.

Over the years, People Inc. has grown to expand their services. They have increased their populations served, spectrum of services, geographic locations and number of sites.

Since 2010, People Inc. has been recognized as one of New York State's certified Compass Agencies. Compass stands for Consumerism, Outcome, Management Plan and Agency Self Survey, and conveys People Inc.'s effective model of person centered planning, managed outcomes, and advocacy involvement by individuals and their families to accomplish their mission.

Those involved with People Inc. strive toward a future where all persons whose needs limit their integration into the community reach their highest potential as responsible members of society. These individuals deserve to become contributing and active members in their communities, enjoy the greatest possible degree of independence, and acceptance in all aspects of their lives.

Mr. Speaker, thank you for allowing me to honor People Inc. for being awarded the Health and Health Services award and commend them for their great work on behalf of all Western New Yorkers.

HONORING SANDRA GOVE CHAMBLEE FOR HER SERVICE TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN HER COMMUNITY

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 28, 2013

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pride to rise today to recognize Ms. Sandra Gove, a resident of Belle Glade, Florida. Sandra recently received the Athena Award from the Chamber of Commerce of the Palm Beaches. This distinguished award honors individuals for professional accomplishment and service to improve the quality of life for others in the community. It warms my heart to learn that Sandra was the individual to receive it this year.

For the last 14 years, she has served as Executive Director of the Glades Health Initiative, an agency that provides HIV prevention services. Since her retirement, Sandra has

continued devoting herself to volunteer work with the Arc of the Glades, American Cancer Society and Visiting Nurse Association. In addition, she is also the longtime president of the General Federation of Women's Club of Belle Glade.

Over the course of her life, she has earned the love and respect of her fellow residents of Belle Glade and people throughout the Glades area. She is a remarkable individual who continues to devote her time and energy to numerous important agencies and projects. Always an advocate for the Glades, she represents their best interest on numerous county boards and committees. For all of these reasons, I am very proud to recognize Sandra as a Hastings' Hero, and to be her representative in Congress.

Mr. Speaker, I am most grateful to Sandra for her continued service to the Glades community. She has selflessly helped so many people, and I am honored to recognize her for her service.

TRIBUTE TO OAIL ANDREW "BUM" PHILLIPS, TEXAS ICON, HOME-SPUN PHILOSOPHER, AND LEGENDARY COACH OF THE HOUSTON OILERS

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 28, 2013

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to inform the House of the sad news that America has lost one of the most beloved, successful, and colorful coaches in the history of the National Football League. Oail Andrew "Bum" Phillips passed away last Friday, October 18, 2013, at his ranch home in Goliad, Texas. He was 90 years old.

The Houston Oilers was not a very good team when Bum Phillips was named head coach and general manager in 1975. In fact, they were one of the worst teams in the league. But within the space of three short years, Bum turned the Oilers into a powerhouse and transformed the downtrodden franchise into one of the most popular and entertaining teams in the NFL.

Along the way, Bum Phillips' mastery of the one-liner endeared himself to his fans and the media. He once quipped in response to a question about the Dallas Cowboys, "that other team up North": "The Dallas Cowboys may be America's team but the Houston Oilers are Texas's team!" On another occasion, when he was asked to describe the great Earl Campbell, his star running back, he said: "He may not be in a class all by himself, but it don't take long to call the roll."

As coach of the Houston Oilers, Bum Phillips was the winningest coach in franchise history (59–38 record), leading the team to the American Football Conference Championship game in 1978 and 1979 but losing each time to the eventual Super Bowl champion Pittsburgh Steelers.

Who can ever forget the sight of Bum Phillips patrolling the sidelines with his trademark buzz cut, decked out in work shirt, blue jeans, cowboy boots, and white Stetson, which he wore except when the Oilers played in the Astrodome? Asked to explain why he did not wear his cowboy hat in the Astrodome, Bum

replied: "Mama always said that if it can't rain on you, you're indoors."

Oail Andrew Phillips was born on September 29, 1923, in Orange, Texas, the son of a truck driver, also named Oail, which is pronounced "Awl." He got his nickname when his younger sister, Edrina, tried to say "brother," only to have it come out as "bumble" and later "bum." In recounting the story, Bum remarked, "I don't mind being called Bum, just as long as you don't put a 'you' in front of it."

Bum Phillips played football at Lamar College in Beaumont, Texas but left to serve in the Marines during World War II. Upon his return he played for Stephen F. Austin State College in Nacogdoches, Texas, graduating in 1949. He then embarked upon a career coaching high school football in Texas. In 1958, he was hired as an assistant coach by Texas A&M head coach Paul "Bear" Bryant, who would go on to become the legendary coach of the Alabama Crimson Tide. In 1962, Bum Phillips was the head coach of Texas Western University (now the University of Texas at El Paso).

Three years later in 1965, Bum Phillips made the jump to professional football when he was named defensive coordinator for the Houston Oilers of the American Football League. In 1967 he was hired by San Diego Chargers head coach Sid Gillman to be his defensive assistant and in 1974 followed Gillman back to the Houston Oilers as the team's defensive coordinator, replacing him as head coach the following year.

Bum Phillips' Oilers teams were known for their physical style of play and outstanding defense anchored by Robert Brazile and future Hall of Famers Elvin Bethea and Curley Culp. Bum was a "players coach"; his players loved him because he kept them fresh by shunning overly long practices and encouraged camaraderie.

The unquestioned leader and star of the team was running back Earl Campbell, the 1977 Heisman Trophy winner from the University of Texas and the first player selected in the 1978 NFL draft. The "Tyler Rose," who still holds every major Oilers rushing record and is one of the greatest running backs in NFL history, also would go on to be enshrined in the NFL Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio.

About Earl Campbell, who ushered in the "Luv Ya Blue!" era and dazzled a Monday Night Football national television audience with a breathtaking display of speed and power in rushing for 221 yards and leading the Oilers to a wild 35–30 victory over the Miami Dolphins, Bum Phillips once said: "That young man is the difference between losing your job and winning the national championship."

After 5 years as head coach of the Oilers, Bum Phillips was offered and accepted the head coaching job of the New Orleans Saints, whom he almost led to the playoffs for the first time in the history of that franchise. In 1985 he resigned as coach of the Saints but remained connected to the game by working as a TV and radio analyst for the Oilers. Asked what he planned to do in his retirement, Bum said, "Nothing. And I don't start before noon!"

In addition to his wife Debbie, Bum Phillips is survived by his son, Wade, a former head coach of the Dallas Cowboys, the Denver Broncos and the Buffalo Bills, and five daughters from a previous marriage, Susan, Cicely, Dee Jean, Andrea and KimAnn; many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, more than three decades have passed since Bum Phillips strolled the sidelines of the Astrodome as the head coach of the Oilers and the beloved leader of "Luv Ya Blue!" Nation, but he will always be remembered as the man who put the Oilers on the map and embodied the spirit and civic pride of Houston, the greatest city in the greatest country in the only world we know.

Mr. Speaker, I ask for a moment of silence in memory of Oail Andrew "Bum" Phillips.

Luv Ya Blue!

RECOGNIZING THE VILLAGE OF WILLIAMSVILLE'S PICTURE MAIN STREET PROJECT

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 28, 2013

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the Village of Williamsville: Picture Main Street Project as the Amherst Chamber of Commerce's choice for the Revitalization Award for their 2013 Business of the Year Awards for their efforts to transform the main commercial strip of the Village of Williamsville into a more vibrant and vital urban village core.

Through the process of placemaking, the village of Williamsville initiated a citizen-driven effort to create a vision for what Main Street should be and to create a plan to make that vision a reality. More than 36,000 vehicles travel down Main Street each day, and residents and businesses identified the lack of a pedestrian environment as a detriment to both commerce and the viability of the future of the village.

The Community Plan was devised in 2005 which identified a solution to the traffic problems on Main Street. Picture Main Street directly addressed those issues by seeking to make the state road more equitable for both drivers and pedestrians. The plan called for numerous improvements to make the shopping district more accessible to pedestrians which include \$7,000,000 streetscape enhancements, aggressive tree planting, bulb-outs, a mid-block signal for pedestrians, lighting, gateways, pocket parks, and even a smartphone application or valet parking in the village. Changes could also result in the creation a "village-square" or second shopping district around the Historic Williamsville Water Mill.

Although pending approval by the state, the changes are set to go into effect next spring. Within the waiting period, thousands of residents took part in "taking back Main Street," an old-fashioned block party that closed the thoroughfare to traffic and invited residents out onto the street.

Mr. Speaker, thank you for allowing me the opportunity to recognize the Village of Williamsville: Picture Main Street Project's effort to revitalize the Village of Williamsville. Their innovation and determination are not only admirable and deserving of such praise, but an incredible asset to the future success of Western New York. I congratulate the Village of Williamsville: Picture Main Street Project as the recipient of the Revitalization Award for the Amherst Chamber of Commerce's 2013 Business of the Year Awards.

IN SUPPORT OF UKRAINE'S EUROPEAN ASPIRATIONS

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 28, 2013

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, as Ranking Member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on Europe, Eurasia, and Emerging Threats, I rise along with the co-chairs of the Congressional Ukrainian Caucus, Representatives KAPTUR, LEVIN, and GERLACH, to voice my support for Ukraine's European aspirations.

As long-time advocates for the democratization and economic liberalization of Ukraine, we welcome the progress that has been made to date and encourage Ukraine's continued efforts in the coming weeks to realize the final steps necessary to enter into an Association Agreement with the European Union (EU) at the Eastern Partnership Summit in Vilnius this November.

By strengthening Ukraine's bilateral relationship with the EU, we are confident that through greater economic integration and political cooperation, Ukraine will be able to achieve a stronger relationship with current EU Member States, as well as transatlantic partners, such as the United States, through a shared respect for democratic principles, rule of law, good governance, human rights, and essential freedoms. As such, we believe that the signing of an Association Agreement between Ukraine and the EU will continue to serve as a catalyst for democratic and human rights reforms, enhanced economic development, and improved welfare for all Ukrainians.

Over the last year, we have observed with interest Ukraine's efforts to meet the EU's conditions for this agreement, and as the Eastern Partnership Summit in Vilnius draws near, we wish to encourage all parties to continue to cooperate and work swiftly to complete all remaining reforms, in law and in practice.

Recognizing that key progress has been made in certain areas, including the enactment of a new criminal procedure code, we support further tangible action by Ukraine to address critical issues and incorporate the reforms necessary to improve its electoral system, governing institutions, and its system of justice. In particular, we believe that a crucial step towards such reform would be the pardon and release of former Prime Minister Yulia Tymoshenko under mutually acceptable terms.

The signing of an Association Agreement with the EU marks a significant opportunity for Ukraine to fulfill its commitments to democracy and human rights and is in the strategic interests of Ukraine, the EU, and the United States. We offer our support and encouragement to Ukraine in the coming weeks as it takes the final steps towards a stronger and enhanced relationship with the EU.

MONICA BARLETTA

HON. LOU BARLETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 28, 2013

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Monica Barletta, longtime parishioner of the

Holy Rosary Church in Hazleton, Pennsylvania.

Monica Barletta has been a member of the Holy Rosary Church for over 70 years, joining in 1943 to receive her First Communion. She and her late husband Fred Barletta Sr. have been instrumental in every major project undertaken by Holy Rosary Parish. Mrs. Barletta has been a member and officer of the Christian Woman's Society for over 50 years, and has served as a lector for nearly 25 years. Additionally, she was an active member of the committee which initiated the annual Holy Rosary Bazaar in 1978 and she held the position of Bazaar chairperson. She was one of the founders of the church's annual Mother's Day Carnation Sales that support the Pennsylvanians for Human Life organization, an effort which has raised tens of thousands of dollars for the local pro-life movement over the past 30 years. She is also currently a member of the Holy Rosary Parish Council.

Mr. Speaker, for her dedicated work at the Holy Rosary Church in Hazleton, Pennsylvania, I commend Monica Barletta.

RECOGNIZING COL. PAULETTE SCHANK

HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 28, 2013

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of a career dedicated to service to our country. After more than two decades of service, Colonel Paulette Schank will be retiring from her command, but her service and commitment to others will not soon be forgotten. Colonel Schank, a Bucks County resident, is the Commander of the 514th AMDS, Aerospace Medicine Squadron based out of Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, New Jersey. Her detachment provides medical support for over 2,600 Airmen, ensuring their medical readiness to meet mission requirements both state-side and abroad.

As both a civilian nurse-anesthetist at Saint Mary Medical Center in Langhorne and an Air Force reserve officer, Colonel Schank has dedicated her life to caring for others—be it in Bucks County or around the world. During her tenure with the Air Force she has provided medical assistance in times of war and in humanitarian efforts—from Iraq to Haiti, Mozambique to Peru.

Colonel Schank is a vital part of my Veterans Advisory Board and a trusted consultant when it comes to pursuing legislation that benefits my district's veterans and military members.

On behalf of a grateful community, a grateful nation, and a grateful world I thank Colonel Paulette Schank for her service and wish her the best in her retirement.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. STEPHEN LEE FINCHER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 28, 2013

Mr. FINCHER. Mr. Speaker, on October 23, 2013, I was unavoidably absent and missed

the following rollcall votes: No. 556, the DeFazio Amendment No. 2; No. 557, the Flores Amendment No. 3; No. 558, the Hastings Amendment No. 6; No. 559, the Richmond Amendment No. 16; and No. 560 on final passage of the Water Resources Reform and Development Act. Had I voted, I would have voted "nay" on rollcall vote No. 556, "aye" on rollcall vote No. 557, "nay" on rollcall vote No. 558, "aye" on rollcall vote No. 559, and "aye" on rollcall vote No. 560.

IN HONOR OF UNITED STATES
ARMY COMMAND SERGEANT
MAJOR DONALD R. WINGROVE

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 28, 2013

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of United States Army Command Sergeant Major (CSM) Donald R. Wingrove and commemorate his valiant service to our great nation.

CSM Wingrove was born on November 12, 1936, and enlisted in the United States Army two short months after turning eighteen. After basic training, CSM Wingrove quickly rose up the ranks, training and serving from Fort Bragg, North Carolina to Thailand. In November of 1970, CSM Wingrove heroically put himself in harm's way and displayed immense dedication to this nation in a clandestine mission to rescue American prisoners of war in North Vietnam.

CSM Wingrove was awarded the Silver Star Medal, the third highest military decoration for valor, for his extraordinary heroism and devotion to duty in the face of enemy forces.

I applaud CSM Wingrove's bravery and service, and I thank him for his heroic and selfless actions. We are fortunate to have brave men and women like CSM Wingrove who stand committed to defending our great nation at home and abroad. His dedication and sacrifice represent the best our nation has to offer.

Mr. Speaker, CSM Wingrove was one of the greatest American soldiers and patriots, but he was also a loving father and husband, and a faithful friend to many. North Carolina is no stranger to heroes like CSM Wingrove. Our state boasts some of the finest warfighters the nation has ever seen. We are forever indebted to him and other American soldiers who dedicate their lives to defend our freedom, secure our homeland, and protect our democracy.

HONORING COLONEL TIMOTHY E.
TARCHICK, USAF

HON. PHIL GINGREY

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 28, 2013

Mr. GINGREY of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Colonel Timothy E. Tarchick and to recognize his lifetime of service to our country in the United States Air Force.

On October 31, Col. Tarchick will retire from the United States Air Force after more than 35 years of dedication and sacrifice for our great nation.

While Col. Tarchick currently serves as the Commander of the 94th Airlift Wing at Dobbins Air Reserve Base, he has worked in many other capacities. After enlisting in the Air Force Reserve in 1978, he became an X-Ray Technician, and would later serve as a Loadmaster with the 910th Tactical Airlift Group in Ohio. After graduating from Officer Training School in 1984, he served in many units as Squadron Training Officer, Wing Plans Officer, Tactics Instructor, Flight Examiner, Chief Navigator, 4th Air Force Operations Staff Officer, Director of Operations, and Operations Group Commander.

Throughout his career, Col. Tarchick was always ready to meet the call of duty. During hurricanes Katrina and Rita, he led the first Air Force rescue efforts that saved more than 1,000 people. And at his current position, he has successfully converted the 94th Airlift Wing from a training wing to a combat-coded tactical wing. Under his leadership, the 94th Airlift Wing hasn't suffered a single casualty. For his exceptional service, Col. Tarchick has earned the Legion of Merit, the Aerial Achievement Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters, and the Air Force Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster, and many other awards.

Col. Tarchick will surely be missed. He has played an invaluable role in the U.S. Air Force for decades, and his effective leadership has left a positive example of leadership that will be passed to all of those who served under him.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of Georgia's 11th Congressional District, I would like to extend my deepest thanks to Col. Tarchick for devoting his life to the upholding of our Constitution and to the protection of our American way of life. I wish him a happy—and well-deserved retirement.

IN MEMORY OF TADEUSZ
MAZOWIECKI

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 28, 2013

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Tadeusz Mazowiecki, who passed away today at the age of 86.

Tadeusz Mazowiecki played a pivotal role in the Round Table talks that paved the way for Poland's peaceful democratic transition. He was an architect of the agreement that led to Poland's first partially free elections in June 1989 and went on to serve as Poland's first post-communist prime minister.

Throughout his life, Mazowiecki was a courageous advocate for workers' rights and human dignity. He was the leader of a small group of Polish intellectuals who traveled to Gdansk in 1980 to show their solidarity with striking shipyard workers. He was one of the first to be arrested when communist authorities declared martial law in December 1981 and one of the last to be released a year later. Throughout the 1980s, Mazowiecki served as an advisor to Lech Walesa and played a leading role in Solidarity movement. As prime minister, Mazowiecki sped political reforms, enacted civil and political rights, and laid the groundwork for Poland's successful transition to a free market economy. Poland's peaceful

revolution sparked a chain reaction throughout Central Europe, culminating in Czechoslovakia's Velvet Revolution and the fall of the Berlin Wall in November 1989.

Mr. Speaker, the people of the United States and Europe owe Tadeusz Mazowiecki an immeasurable debt of gratitude. The world today is safer and more free because of him and Polish patriots like him. His memory serves as an inspiration to those who fight—often against all odds—for rule of law and human dignity in their own countries, and as a reminder to all that the blessings of liberty and democracy should not be taken for granted.

YVONNE "BONNIE" GONZALEZ

HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 28, 2013

Mr. CUELLAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the retiring CEO of Workforce Solution Yvonne "Bonnie" Gonzalez. She has been CEO of Workforce Solution since 2003 and is ending her tenure after ten years. Her tireless efforts have improved the community and served to better the development and progress for south Texas.

"Bonnie" Gonzalez was born in Rio Grande City, Texas. Gonzalez earned a Bachelor's of Science in Nursing from The University of Texas at Austin in 1981, and was recruited by Harvard University to attend the John F. Kennedy School of Government where she earned a Master of Public Administration in 1993. Prior to becoming the CEO for Workforce Solutions, she served as founding President/CEO of the RGV Empowerment Zone Corporation from 1995–2003. Under her direction, the Empowerment Zone took a \$40 million dollar federal investment and leveraged an additional \$416 million in local, state, national, and private sector investment into Empowerment Zone communities. From establishing the Teenage Parent Alternative Program, a state recognized program for McAllen I.S.D. in 1988; to being a founding member of South Texas Community College, now South Texas College; to testifying before state and federal officials on development, community and economic development, and education, Ms. Gonzalez continues to be an advocate for the Valley.

As CEO, Gonzalez plays an integral role in leading change and leveraging strategic partnerships within the workforce development industry and in the Rio Grande Valley. Gonzalez is a devoted public servant and community leader. Gonzalez challenges the organization to be innovative, efficient and effective in the programmatic and fiscal oversight of workforce development services for Hidalgo, Starr, and Willacy counties in South Texas. She, together with the Board of Directors, strives to ensure that public dollars go directly to the development of the local workforce, in training, job seeker, and business services. Workforce Solutions was recently recognized as one of the highest performing workforce boards in Texas and one of only 26 national grantees for the 2012 Workforce Innovation Fund.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize Ms. Yvonne "Bonnie" Gonzalez, retiring CEO of Workforce Solution. Her years of dedication

and commitment to our community have truly impacted the quality of lives for the people of the city. Thank you for this time.

COMMEMORATING THE LIFE OF POLISH GENERAL KAZIMIERZ PULASKI

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 28, 2013

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, during this month of October, the American people honor the life of Polish General Casimir (Kazimierz) Pulaski whose love of liberty, bravery and military prowess in founding the American cavalry played a pivotal role in winning our American Revolution. Let his timeless story inspire generations to come. May the eagles that soar over both our lands—as symbols of liberty—strengthen our partnership in freedom's cause. Onward.

COMMEMORATING THE LIFE OF POLISH GENERAL KAZIMIERZ PULASKI

Thank you to all who have gathered here today to remember and to commemorate the contributions of General Casimir Pulaski to our nation's victory in the American Revolution and to passing to us the blessings of liberty. As a young child, I first learned his name as the street on which our grandparents lived which was named "PULASKI".

Kazimierz Pulaski was born in Warsaw, Poland in 1745, 268 years ago, son of Polish Count Jozef Pulaski and Marianna Zielinska. Within a little more than two decades, he would come to be known as a freedom fighter and "the father of the American cavalry." Through his family in Poland, Pulaski became involved at a very early age—age 15—in political and military activity. He accompanied his father and other members of the Polish nobility to publicly oppose the Prussian, Russian, and Austrian empires' designs on dominating their Polish homeland. Pulaski pushed for Polish independence, free of outside interference. When he was outlawed in his homeland by the Russian empire after initial uprisings failed, he decided to travel to Paris, France, in a self imposed exile. In so doing, he came to befriend Benjamin Franklin, a father of our country, who also had travelled to France imbued with the spirit of the French Revolution and its values of liberty, equality, fraternity. They both were seeking alternatives to the empire-driven political systems of the European continent. Franklin was captivated with the ideas of the Enlightenment as he tried to help lead a fledgling nation, casting off the oppression of Great Britain's monarchy. Franklin was impressed by Pulaski and wrote of him to George Washington: "Count Pulaski of Poland, is an officer famous throughout Europe for his bravery and conduct in defense of the liberties of his country against the three great invading powers of Russia, Austria and Prussia . . . he may be highly useful to our service."

A century before their encounter, new ideas of how people should live, and govern themselves, were brewing and emerging on a European continent fraught with empires and suppression of individual liberty. These ideas were transformational concepts in human history. They revolved around how people should live and govern themselves. The new concepts emphasized democracy not monarchy; equality not subservience nor serfdom; liberty not repression; freedom of thought and reason, not dogma nor emotion;

freedom of expression not regimented thought; freedom of press, not propaganda; and full separation of church and state, not theocratic control of government. For those of us living in the 21st century, with our nation an heir of Enlightenment thinking, perhaps we have become so accustomed to our way of life that we forget how radical these thoughts were at the time. Let us remember what a price was paid for their emergence globally.

Pulaski's life reminds us of that early struggle of our founders to build a new America, casting off the remnants of old empires. Pulaski volunteered his services in the Revolutionary War of the United States. America's founders were about building a brand new nation girded by Enlightenment ideals. That struggle did not happen overnight. In fact we should recall that almost 4 decades after Pulaski first volunteered, the new America was still fighting for its future. The ballad "Battle of New Orleans" recounts America's fight to finally drive the British from its territory. You might recall the words from the last great land Battle in the War of 1812 . . . "in 1814, we took a little trip, along with Colonel Jackson down the mighty Mississippi. We took a little bacon and we took a little beans, and we caught the bloody British in a town called New Orleans." Of course, this year of 2013, our region of the United States is commemorating the 200th anniversary of the Battle of Lake Erie, when Commodore Oliver Hazard Perry defeated the British in Lake Erie, the only time the British Navy has ever lost a battle on the high seas. The British monarchy finally was driven out of the westernmost reaches of the new America.

So, imagine, Casimir Pulaski fighting bravely 33 years earlier before the War of 1812, at the dawn of the American Revolution. To my knowledge, there are no ballads written yet about his achievements, though they are legendary and worthy of expression.

Pulaski travelled in 1777 to Philadelphia—America's first capital—a decade before our Constitution was drafted and signed. He wrote to Washington: "I came here, where freedom is being defended, to serve it, and to live or die for it." Washington knew that the colonies had no trained cavalry, so he met with Pulaski and introduced him to Marquis de Lafayette and John Hancock. Pulaski showed off some of his riding abilities, and tried to convince Washington of the superiority of the cavalry over the infantry. And in Sept. 1777 Washington persuaded the Continental Congress to give Pulaski temporary command of the Cavalry. On that very same day, Pulaski pushed back the Birdshot at the Battle of Brandywine in which he came to the aid of Washington's forces and demonstrated his brilliant military tactics. He saved Washington's Army from defeat, and some have recorded he took a bullet aimed at George Washington himself. Congress acknowledged Pulaski's leadership and commissioned him as a Brigadier General. He was placed in command of four light cavalry regiments. But, Pulaski as a foreigner had difficulty with the Continental Congress allowing him to fight. So he asked Washington to allow him to start his own legion. He even offered to pay for them. Congress finally agreed. With 68 horses and 200 foot soldiers, the Pulaski Legion would become the colonists' first fully trained cavalry. He spent the winter of 1777 to 1778 at Valley Forge with most of the army. He was then ordered to defend Little Egg Harbor in New Jersey and then Minisink on the Delaware; Washington then ordered him to proceed South to Charleston, South Carolina. During the Battle of Savannah, on October 9, 1779, Pulaski was wounded by cannon as he charged into battle on horseback. He fell to the ground,

mortally wounded. He died from complications from that wound. But Pulaski was so respected for his courage, even by his enemies, that he was spared the musket and permitted to be carried from the battlefield. He died on Oct 15, 1779 at age 34. There is a Pulaski Monument erected in his honor, on Monterrey Square in Savannah, Georgia.

In 1791, twelve years after his death, his homeland in Poland adopted a new constitution modeled on that of the U.S. Constitution, which just had been adopted in 1789. The Polish Constitution too was a revolutionary document as Poland became the first nation in Europe to outlaw serfdom. Indeed, her constitution was so threatening to Europe's empires, Poland was wiped off the map of Europe for 126 years emerging as a nation after World War I and the Peace Treaty of Versailles due significantly to the friendship between U.S. President Woodrow Wilson and Polish pianist Ignacy Paderewski.

Many national recognitions of Pulaski's contributions to America's victory in our Revolution have been accomplished. On October 29, 1779, the U.S. Congress passed a resolution that a monument be dedicated to him. The first memorial was built in 1854 and a bust of Pulaski was added to busts of other heroes in the U.S. Capitol in 1867. In 1910, President William Taft of Ohio unveiled a Congress-sponsored General Casimir Pulaski statue. In 1929, Congress passed a General Pulaski Memorial Day. There is a federal observance of General Pulaski Memorial Day commemorating Pulaski's death from wounds suffered at the Siege of Savannah on October 9, 1779. After a previous attempt failed, on Nov. 6, 2009, President Barack Obama signed a joint resolution of the U.S. Senate and House conferring on Pulaski an honorary American citizenship, 230 years after his death, making him the 7th person so honored.

Today, we, here in the heart of Cleveland, again bear witness and respectfully remember General Casimir Pulaski. We express our gratitude in America's third century for his bravery and vision. And we collectively join together, as eagles fly above both our nations, to say: Long live his memory, long live America, long live Poland and long live liberty.

HONORING THE 85TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PLANNED PARENTHOOD OF MINNESOTA, NORTH DAKOTA, AND SOUTH DAKOTA

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 28, 2013

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor Planned Parenthood of Minnesota, North Dakota, and South Dakota (PPMNS) on the 85th anniversary of its founding.

In 1928, Minnesota's first clinic was established, providing women with access to reproductive care. Since then, additional clinics in Minnesota, South Dakota, and North Dakota have opened ensuring women, men and their families have access to affordable, comprehensive care. Each year, more than 60,000 patients access a broad range of health services including preventative screenings, reproductive care, and routine exams.

Over the past 85 years, the caring staff, advocates, and volunteers have been invaluable to the success of PPMNS. Their dedication ensures that women and their families have

access to the health services and information they need regardless of race, gender, or economic status.

Mr. Speaker, please join me to honor the critical work of Planned Parenthood of Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota as we celebrate their 85th anniversary today.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE BRAVERY OF UNITED STATES ARMY CORPORAL WONG SUEY LEE

HON. RON BARBER

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 28, 2013

Mr. BARBER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor United States Army Corporal Wong Suey Lee, a veteran who resides in my district of Southern Arizona. Mr. Speaker, it is with great respect and esteem that I request this body recognize Corporal Lee for his courageous service and tremendous bravery.

Corporal Lee is a veteran of the Korean War and saw firsthand the brutality of battle. He was one of more than 1 million heroic Americans who committed to support their nation in a time of war halfway around the world to face an unknown enemy in a strange land. Six months into his service with the U.S. Army, and nearly a year after the communist invasion of South Korea, Corporal Lee faced mortar and small arms fire to rally his platoon and continue the advance of his unit toward the Iron Triangle, a key communications and transportation hub in the Yonchon-Cheorwon area of the Korean peninsula.

Through testimonials by his fellow soldiers, a stirring picture has been painted of what transpired on June 3rd, 1951 and of Corporal Lee's fierce determination and grit. As point man for the lead platoon of the lead company of his assault battalion, Corporal Lee encountered a number of enemy positions, drawing heavy fire and killing an enemy soldier.

Having cleared enemy forces from two entrenched positions, taking fire from small arms and mortar rounds, Corporal Lee gallantly exposed himself to that fire and rallied his squad leaders to take on a third enemy position upon a nearby steep hill. Corporal Lee tended to the wounded around him, as the platoon took aim and neutralized the enemy on the small hill. He then scaled that hill, dodging grenades and coming face-to-face with enemy soldiers, killing three at point-blank range.

From the portrait laid out in the testimony of his many colleagues, it is clear that Corporal Lee was instrumental in keeping together his platoon and showed immense leadership in the face of incredible hardship. Indeed, two days later, Corporal Lee was severely wounded in battle and returned to the United States.

Everyone in this great nation owes Corporal Lee and his family a debt of gratitude for his selfless sacrifice. I call on my fellow colleagues and all Americans to rise today and thank Corporal Lee for helping to secure freedom for millions of people worldwide.

IN RECOGNITION OF GEORGIAN PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 28, 2013

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the people of Georgia on the conduct of the October 27 presidential election. International observers, including the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, characterized the election as "positive and transparent," noting that freedom of expression, movement and assembly were respected, and that candidates were able to campaign without restriction.

The election's successful conduct—and the pending peaceful transfer of power—demonstrate the growing maturity of Georgia's democracy. This is an important indication that Georgia is indeed ready to initial an Association Agreement with the European Union at the November 28–29 Eastern Partnership Summit in Vilnius, Lithuania. The Association Agreement, which includes deep and comprehensive free trade provisions, will give the Georgian people new tools and new incentives to strengthen their democratic institutions, fight corruption, and uphold the rule of law.

Mr. Speaker, I also congratulate Giorgi Margvelashvili on his electoral victory. I call on all political parties to work together to advance Georgia's interests and the interests of the Georgian people.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, October 29, 2013 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's record.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

OCTOBER 30

9:15 a.m.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Business meeting to consider S. 1562, to reauthorize the Older Americans Act of 1965, S. 1557, to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize support for graduate medical education programs in children's hospitals, S. 1561, to amend the Public Health Service Act to improve provisions relating

to the sanctuary system for surplus chimpanzees, H.R. 2094, to amend the Public Health Service Act to increase the preference given, in awarding certain asthma-related grants, to certain States (those allowing trained school personnel to administer epinephrine and meeting other related requirements), S. 1302, to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for cooperative and small employer charity pension plans, H.R. 2747, to amend title 40, United States Code, to transfer certain functions from the Government Accountability Office to the Department of Labor relating to the processing of claims for the payment of workers who were not paid appropriate wages under certain provisions of such title, and the nominations of Michael Keith Yudin, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, and James Cole, Jr., of New York, to be General Counsel, both of the Department of Education, and Chai Rachel Feldblum, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, and any pending nominations.

SD-430

10 a.m.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

Subcommittee on Securities, Insurance, and Investment

To hold hearings to examine the "JOBS Act" at a year and a half, focusing on assessing progress and unmet opportunities.

SD-538

Conferees

Meeting of conferees on S. Con. Res. 8, a concurrent resolution setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2014, revising the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal year 2013, and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2015 through 2023.

HC-5

11 a.m.

Committee on Finance

To hold hearings to examine the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership.

SD-215

1 p.m.

Conferees

Meeting of conferees on H.R. 2642, to provide for the reform and continuation of agricultural and other programs of the Department of Agriculture through fiscal year 2018.

1100-LHOB

2 p.m.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs

To hold hearings to examine pending health care and benefits legislation.

SR-418

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe

To receive a briefing on the U.S. Civil Rights Movement, focusing on how the movement has impacted Europe and the continuing work of the United States in advancing human rights for minorities in Europe.

RHOB-2255

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Indian Affairs

Business meeting to consider S. 235, to provide for the conveyance of certain property located in Anchorage, Alaska, from the United States to the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium, S.

611, to make a technical amendment to the T'uf Shur Bien Preservation Trust Area Act, and S. 920, to allow the Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa in the State of Minnesota to lease or transfer certain land; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine S. 1074, to extend Federal recognition to the Chickahominy Indian Tribe, the Chickahominy Indian Tribe-Easter Division, the Upper Mattaponi Tribe, the Rappahannock Tribe, Inc., the Monacan Indian Nation, and the Nansemond Indian Tribe, S. 1132, to provide for the recognition of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina, and S. 161, to extend the Federal recognition to the Little Shell Tribe of Chippewa Indians of Montana.

SD-628

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of John B. Owens, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, Matthew Frederick Leitman, Judith Ellen Levy, Laurie J. Michelson, and Linda Vivienne Parker, all to be a United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan, and Peter Joseph Kadzik, of New York, to be an Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice.

SD-226

OCTOBER 31

10 a.m.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings to examine housing finance reform, focusing on a government guarantee for mortgage-backed securities.

SD-538

Committee on Foreign Relations

Business meeting to consider S. Res. 268, condemning the September 2013 terrorist attack at the Westgate Mall in Nairobi, Kenya, and reaffirming United States support for the people and Government of Kenya, and the nominations of Gregory B. Starr, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Diplomatic Security, Mark Bradley Childress, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the United Republic of Tanzania, Thomas Frederick Daughton, of Arizona, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Namibia, Matthew T. Harrington, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Lesotho, Eunice S. Reddick, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Niger, John Hoover, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Sierra Leone, Michael Stephen Hoza, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Cameroon, Tomasz P. Malinowski, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary for Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor, Crystal Nix-Hines, of California, for the rank of Ambassador during her tenure of service as the United States Permanent Representative to the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization, Pamela K. Hamamoto, of Hawaii, to be Representative to the Office of the United Nations and Other International Organizations in Geneva, with the rank of Ambassador, Philip S. Goldberg, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of the Philippines, Robert O. Blake, Jr., of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Indonesia, Karen Clark Stanton, of Michi-

gan, to be Ambassador to the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste, Timothy M. Broas, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of the Netherlands, Donald Lu, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Albania, Robert A. Sherman, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to the Portuguese Republic, Anne W. Patterson, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Near Eastern Affairs, Adam M. Scheinman, of Virginia, to be Special Representative of the President for Nuclear Nonproliferation, with the rank of Ambassador, Rose Eilene Gottenmoeller, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary for Arms Control and International Security, Frank A. Rose, of Massachusetts, to be Assistant Secretary for Verification and Compliance, Dwight L. Bush, Sr., of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Morocco, James Walter Brewster, Jr., of Illinois, to be Ambassador to the Dominican Republic, Brian A. Nichols, of Rhode Island, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Peru, and Carlos Roberto Moreno, of California, to be Ambassador to Belize, all of the Department of State.

SD-419

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine attaining a quality degree, focusing on innovations to improve student success.

SD-430

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine government clearances and background checks, focusing on the Navy Yard tragedy.

SD-342

Committee on the Judiciary

Business meeting to consider S. 42, to provide anti-retaliation protections for antitrust whistleblowers, S. 822, to protect crime victims' rights, to eliminate the substantial backlog of DNA samples collected from crime scenes and convicted offenders, to improve and expand the DNA testing capacity of Federal, State, and local crime laboratories, to increase research and development of new DNA testing technologies, to develop new training programs regarding the collection and use of DNA evidence, to provide post conviction testing of DNA evidence to exonerate the innocent, to improve the performance of counsel in State capital cases, and the nominations of Robert Leon Wilkins, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit, Brian J. Davis, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida, Timothy L. Brooks, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Arkansas, James Donato, Beth Labson Freeman, and Vince Girdhari Chhabria, all to be a United States District Judge for the Northern District of California, Pedro A. Delgado Hernandez, to be United States District Judge for the District of Puerto Rico, Carolyn B. McHugh, of Utah, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Tenth Circuit, Pamela L. Reeves, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Tennessee, and James Maxwell Moody, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Arkansas.

SD-226

10:15 a.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine Syria.

SD-419

2 p.m.

Select Committee on Intelligence

To hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters.

SH-219

2:15 p.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Daniel W. Yohannes, of Colorado, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, with the rank of Ambassador, Department of State.

SD-419

NOVEMBER 6

10 a.m.

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold an oversight hearing to examine the Bureau of Prisons and cost-effective strategies for reducing recidivism.

SD-226

NOVEMBER 7

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the impact of sequestration on the national defense; with the possibility of a closed session in SVC-217, following the open session.

SD-G50

NOVEMBER 20

3:30 p.m.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining

To hold hearings to examine S. 182, to provide for the unencumbering of title to non-Federal land owned by the city of Anchorage, Alaska, for purposes of economic development by conveyance of the Federal reversion interest to the City, S. 483, to designate the Berryessa Snow Mountain National Conservation Area in the State of California, S. 771, to provide to the Secretary of the Interior a mechanism to cancel contracts for the sale of materials CA-20139 and CA-22901, S. 776, to establish the Columbine-Hondo Wilderness in the State of New Mexico, to provide for the conveyance of certain parcels of National Forest System land in the State, S. 841, to designate certain Federal land in the San Juan National Forest in the State of Colorado as wilderness, S. 1305, to provide for the conveyance of the Forest Service Lake Hill Administrative Site in Summit County, Colorado, S. 1341, to modify the Forest Service Recreation Residence Program as the program applies to units of the National Forest System derived from the public domain by implementing a simple, equitable, and predictable procedure for determining cabin user fees, S. 1414, to provide for the conveyance of certain Federal land in the State of Oregon to the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians, S. 1415, to provide for the conveyance of certain Federal land in the State of Oregon to the Cow Creek Band

of Umpqua Tribe of Indians, and S. 1479, to address the forest health, public safety, and wildlife habitat threat presented by the risk of wildfire, including catastrophic wildfire, on Na-

tional Forest System land and public land managed by the Bureau of Land Management by requiring the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior to expedite forest

management projects relating to hazardous fuels reduction, forest health, and economic development.

SD-366